

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, Emily Berge, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Member was absent: Roderick Jones

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Jones joined the meeting remotely.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Berge requested that agenda item #8 regarding a revision to the Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Events, Inc. for the Eau Claire Marathon be considered separately. No objection was voiced and agenda item #8 was separated.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution" for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, September 14, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Memorial High School to conduct the Memorial High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 8, 2021 along City streets in Carson Park.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #210, 1506 Black Avenue, from Rebecca L. Ciezki to Brandon B. Balts be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #1149, 210 Water Street, Unit 1, from Brandon B. Balts to Eric J. Carlson be approved.
- Granting a permanent encroachment to the City of Eau Claire for underground footings and building construction related to Chippewa Valley Transit Transfer Center at 402 South Farwell Street.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Surface Water Grant for the purpose of ongoing aquatic invasive species control activities in Half Moon Lake.

- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-55, Central Maintenance Facility Trench Drains and Catch Basin Replacement.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LICENSE

The City Council considered a resolution granting a revision to the Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Events, Inc., Andy Ottum, President, on September 26, 2021 from the Phoenix Park – Pavilion to the Four Corner’s parking lot, 219 S. Barstow Street, for the Eau Claire Marathon. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encouraging the residents of our community to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call or message can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution approving ambulance mutual aid agreements with Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services, Chippewa Fire District, Durand Municipal Ambulance Service, Mayo Clinic Ambulance, and Menomonie Fire Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the acquisition of vacant land located at 0 Farwell Street, parcel no. 02-0411-A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution declaring land located on the corner of County Line Road and County Road T (parcel nos. 16-1600-A and 16-1600-B) excess land and authorizing a land exchange with Gateway Industrial Corporation for property located along County Line Road and across from the Jeffers Road park (parcel nos. 14-1511, 14-1510 and 14-1513). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO SYSTEM

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating a donation from PESI, Inc. for the Public Safety Video System project. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an Agreement with Eau Claire County for the Public Safety Video System project. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2020-46, Public Safety Video System. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

MILL MEADOWS WEST

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Mill Meadows West located west of North Town Hall Road (File P-8-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Menard, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Mill Meadows West. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

MILL RUN POINTE

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Mill Run Pointe located on Losan Avenue (File P-9-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Menard, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Mill Run Pointe. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The City Council considered a resolution accepting the Participatory Budgeting Rulebook. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT BID

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-50, Executive Search Services for City Manager. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

The City Council considered a resolution approving the formation of an ad hoc City Manager Recruitment Committee. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Berge “to amend the resolution” by adding the following:

“WHEREAS, the Committee shall review applicants brought forward by the search consultant and identify no fewer than ten candidates to bring forward to the full Council for consideration as proposed finalists to interview.”

Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Jones, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Nay: Council Member Werthmann.

Council President Weld asked for nominations to serve on the Committee. The following were nominated: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Jones and Weld. By unanimous consent, Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Jones and Weld will serve on the Committee and their names shall be inserted in the resolution.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Lor “to amend the resolution” by adding the following:

“WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the Committee will periodically keep the entire City Council apprised of progress in the City Manager search process, and will provide progress reports and other communications consistent with principles of transparency and consistent with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law;”

and by adding the following bullet point under the last Be it Further Resolved clause:

- “Assist the Human Resources Director and Hiring Consultant in providing progress reports on the City Manager search process to the entire City Council at least once a month. The Committee will not communicate with any proposed candidate outside of the interview process, and all progress reports and other communications shall also be consistent with principles of transparency and consistent with the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.”

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council President Weld asked for a date to insert into the resolution for the Committee to provide the full Council with a recommendation on potential final applicants. By unanimous consent, a date of “no later than January 15, 2022” shall be inserted into the resolution.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 627 Wagner Avenue from I-1 to R-2 (Z-1698-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located on State Highway 53, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-6A (Eau Claire County Highway Department Annexation). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 1828 S. Hastings Way from C-3 to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for apartments (Z-1699-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 2018 & 2040 Preston Road and vacant land between Preston Road and Deblene Lane from R-1 & TR-1A to R-2 (Z-1701-21).

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2305 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-8A (Schwartz Annexation).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: September 14, 2021

Time: 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk